CHAPTER 77

DECEMBER, THE DAY OF THE CLOSING CEREMONY

HEY! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS SUPER-HARD TO REACH ANYBODY AT MIDNIGHT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE?

LET'S ALL SEND SENPAI A MESSAGE AT EXACTLY 12 O'CLOCK AND SEE WHO REACHES HER FIRST!

THE CONTEST FOR THE "NEW YEAR'S" TROPHY

TOSHI-DAMA... YOU MEAN MONEY?

GETTING MONEY WOULD BE KINDA AWKWARD THOUGH, WOULDN'T IT?

WHA-?

AND THE WINNER GET'S A TOSHIDAMA* FROM SENPAI!

YOU'RE RIGHT! AND YOU WOULDN'T BE THRILLED OVER A FEW HUNDRED YEN ANYWAY!

Why do I have a bad Fee-ling about this?

*Toshidama means New Year's gift, usually in the form of money

THE WINNER GETS A SEXY PHOTO FROM SENPAI!

AH, I GOT IT!

COM-FORTA-BLE WITH THAT ...

AH HA HA! I'M NOT REALLY...

YEAHH! CLEAVAGE! CLEAVAGE!

HA ?!

I REALLY WANNA SEE THAT!

SHOCK!!

Fuee...

Hee-Hee Hee!

INDULGE US, SENPAI!

CONSIDER IT A VALUABLE EXPERI-ENCE!

HAAA...

HEP!

AND ...

Boing

Flash!

New Year's Eve, 5:30 PM...

HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?

...

THIS DOESN'T WORK VERY WELL...

stretch...

LIKE THIS?

HM ...

pull...

...SHE'LL GET TO SEE THIS...

...IF YUMIMI'S MESSAGE ARRIVES FIRST...

EEK!

SCAN-DA-LOUS!

SHOCK!

I'M SO EM-BAR-RAS-SED!

Nyaaaaah!

WANT THAT!

ARGH! NO, I DON'T

...

MAYBE IT WOULD MAKE HER HEART BEAT FASTER!

thump thump

...

BUT MAYBE ...

...

thump

thump

flap...

...pound-ing

Get her heart

...

thump

thump

thump

thump

thump

Flash!

The New Year arrives!

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00:00

Pi!

DE-
LETE!
DE-
LETE!

frantic!

UWAH!
I REALLY
CAN'T
SEND
THIS!

WHO'LL BE THE FIRST?

thump

thump

thump

WAH! IT'S TIME!

thump

STILL NOTHING! STILL NOTHING!

thump

thump

Meanwhile:

Mariri

ZZZ...

...Simply fell asleep and forgot about it.

Mayuyu

Spent New Year's in the bathtub and forgot about it.

Yumimi

Was too engrossed in Johnny's liveconcert and forgot about it.

THE NETWORK MUST REALLY BE OVER-LOADED!

I'M NOT GETTING ANY-THING AT ALL!

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